

**IN THE COURT OF APPEALS
FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT OF OHIO
HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO**

STATE OF OHIO,	:	APPEAL NO. C-070335
	:	TRIAL NO. B-0700248
Plaintiff-Appellee,	:	
	:	<i>JUDGMENT ENTRY.</i>
vs.	:	
RONALD GATEWOOD,	:	
Defendant-Appellant.	:	

We consider this appeal on the accelerated calendar, and this judgment entry is not an opinion of the court.¹

Defendant-appellant Ronald Gatewood had been indicted for felonious assault and had absconded. When he was arrested, he had a loaded firearm in his possession. He was charged with having a weapon while under a disability. Gatewood pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of aggravated assault. He also pleaded guilty to having a weapon while under a disability. He was sentenced to concurrent one-year terms. This appeal involves only Gatewood's conviction for having a weapon while under a disability.

Pursuant to *Anders v. California*,² Gatewood's counsel advises this court that, after a thorough review of the record, he has discerned no arguable assignments of error to present on appeal. Counsel has filed a motion to withdraw. He now asks this court to

¹ See S.Ct.R.Rep.Op. 3(A), App.R. 11.1(E), and Loc.R. 12.

² (1967), 386 U.S. 738, 87 S.Ct. 1396.

conduct an independent review of the record to determine whether the proceedings in the trial court were free from prejudicial error.³

After reviewing the entire record, we are satisfied that Gatewood's counsel has provided him with a diligent and thorough search of the record, and that counsel has correctly concluded that the proceedings below were free from prejudicial error.⁴ We therefore overrule counsel's motion to withdraw from his representation of Gatewood and affirm the judgment of the trial court.

Our determination that the proceedings below were free of prejudicial error compels our conclusion that there are no reasonable grounds for this appeal. But because Gatewood is indigent, we refrain from taxing costs and expenses against him.

A certified copy of this judgment entry shall constitute the mandate, which shall be sent to the trial court under App.R. 27. Costs shall be taxed under App.R. 24.

HENDON, P.J., DINKELACKER and WINKLER, JJ.

RALPH WINKLER, retired, from the First Appellate District, sitting by assignment.

To the Clerk:

Enter upon the Journal of the Court on April 16, 2008
per order of the Court _____.
Presiding Judge

³ See *Freels v. Hills* (C.A.6, 1988), 843 F.2d 958.

⁴ See *Penson v. Ohio* (1988), 488 U.S. 75, 109 S.Ct. 346.